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# Program Details

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Crafton Hills Paramedic Program offers two programs per year. One program begins in January during the spring semester and the other begins in August during the Fall semester. The program is broken down into three keys sections for optimal success.

## 1. Didactic (Approx. 450 hours)

During this portion of the program, learning occurs through lectures, interactive presentations, skills labs, and simulations. Classes are held **Tuesday through Thursday from approximately 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** and meet over a 16 week period.

## 2. Clinic

Upon completion of the didactic phase of paramedic training, the paramedic intern is required to complete a clinical internship. This phase of training provides the paramedic intern the opportunity to practice and refine assessment and technical skills. Clinical preceptors can have a significant impact on the learning experience the intern has during this phase of training. They are the interns primary resource. They reinforce the intern's didactic knowledge and technical skills and they evaluate performance.

The paramedic intern attends seventeen clinical shifts in the Burn Unit, Operating Room, Labor and Delivery, Pediatric Emergency Department, County Fire Department, Acute Care Pediatric Unit, and Emergency Department.

## 3. Field

The field internship will offer the student the opportunity to perform many or all of the skills explored in the didactic and clinical portions of the program. The environment will change from the controlled to the uncontrolled and will afford the student the environment to **“put it all together”**. We have contracts with various fire department and transport agencies in Riverside and San Bernardino County. We take great time and consideration when matching preceptors and students to assure the best learning environment for each individual student.

Each intern is provided with a zero (0) shift in order to allow the preceptor and the intern time to become acquainted and for the preceptors to outline their expectations. Field internships typically last between 600-720 hours.

## Program Outcomes

Year	Accepted	Retention	Left the program	National Registry Cognitive Exam Pass Rates	National Registry Psychomotor Exam Pass Rates	Job Placement Rates
2015	30	27	3*	97%	100%	96%
2016	39	33	6*	90%	100%	93%
2017	44	40	4*	100%	100%	97.5%

\*\*All students that left the program were due to job opportunities/personal advancements.\*\*